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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 06/17/05, for which a Response was due 09/17/05, now extended three (3) months to 12/19/05 (12/17/05 being a Saturday), the Applicants supplement their Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by cofiling this Amendment and Response, addressing all prior bases for rejection:

Amendments to the claims:

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Remarks:

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